

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claims 7, 8, 18, 22, 23, and 44, amend claims 1-6, as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A cutting blade for a hand-held cutting tool configured to mount the cutting blade with first and second mounting rods that are spaced from one another by a mounting distance, comprising:

a body having first and second shear faces, the first and second shear faces being spaced from one another;

at least ~~three~~ six mounting holes passing through the body, the at least six mounting holes including a first set of three mounting holes being longitudinally spaced apart from each other and defining first and second pairs of mounting holes, the at least six mounting holes further including a second set of three mounting holes being longitudinally spaced from each other and defining third and fourth pairs of mounting holes, the a first pair of the mounting holes being spaced the mounting distance from one another, and a the second pair of the mounting holes being spaced the mounting distance from one another, at least one of the mounting holes of the second pair not being included in the first pair of mounting holes, the third pair of mounting holes being spaced the mounting distance from one another, at least one of the mounting holes of the third pair being included in none of the first, second, and fourth pairs of mounting holes, and the fourth pair of mounting holes being spaced the mounting distance from one another, at least one of the mounting holes of the fourth pair being included in none of the first, second and third pairs of mounting holes;

a first shear edge adapted to cooperate with a reciprocating cutting member to shear a workpiece when the first and second mounting rods are received in the first pair of mounting holes, the first shear edge being spaced from the first pair of mounting holes ~~by a first distance and in a first orientation with respect thereto and the first shear edge being spaced from the second pair of mounting holes by a second distance and in a second orientation with respect thereto, wherein at least one of the second distance and the second orientation differs from a respective one of the first distance and the first orientation;~~ and

a second shear edge adapted to cooperate with the reciprocating cutting member to shear the workpiece when the first and second mounting rods are received in the second pair of mounting holes, the second shear edge being spaced from the first shear edge, the second shear edge being spaced from the second pair of mounting holes;

a third shear edge adapted to cooperate with the reciprocating cutting member to shear the workpiece when the first and second mounting rods are received in the third pair of mounting holes, the third shear edge being spaced from the first and second shear edges, the third shear edge being spaced from the third pair of mounting holes; and

a fourth shear edge adapted to cooperate with the reciprocating cutting member to shear the workpiece, the fourth shear edge being spaced from the first, second and third shear edges, the fourth shear edge being spaced from the fourth pair of mounting holes.

2. (Currently Amended) The cutting blade of claim 1 wherein the first set of three mounting holes and the second set of three mounting holes are transversely spaced apart from each other~~there are three mounting holes, one of the mounting holes of the first pair comprising one of the mounting holes of the second pair.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The cutting blade of claim 1:
wherein the ~~at least~~ first set of three mounting holes comprise a first central mounting hole, a first outer mounting hole and a second outer mounting hole, the first central mounting hole being spaced from each of the first and second outer mounting holes by ~~said~~ the mounting distance, the first pair of mounting holes comprising the central mounting hole and the first outer mounting hole and the second pair of mounting holes comprising the central mounting hole and the second outer mounting hole; and

wherein the second set of three mounting holes comprise a second central mounting hole, a third outer mounting hole and a fourth outer mounting hole, the second central mounting hole being spaced from each of the third and fourth outer mounting holes by the mounting distance, the third pair of mounting holes comprising the second central mounting hole and the third outer mounting hole and the fourth pair of mounting holes comprising the second central mounting hole and the fourth outer mounting hole.

4. (Currently Amended) The cutting blade of claim 1 further comprising a opposed blunt first and second guide surfaces ~~surface~~ extending transversely between the first and second shear faces along a first elongate edge of the body.

5. (Currently Amended) The cutting blade of claim 4 wherein the first shear edge is positioned at a junction of the first guide surface and the first shear face, ~~and~~ the second shear edge is positioned at a junction of the first guide surface and the second shear face, the third shear edge is positioned at a junction of the second guide surface and the first shear face and the fourth shear edge is positioned at a junction of the second guide surface and the second shear face.

6. (Currently Amended) The cutting blade of claim 4 wherein the first and second guide surfaces ~~surface~~ are is flat to lie flush against a face of the workpiece while the workpiece is sheared.

7-45. (Cancelled)